

Friday, February 21, 1896.

Down the Embankments!

Those of our readers who have read the frequent accounts of railroad accidents that have appeared in the public prints of late, must have noticed the fact that in a majority of instances where there has been great loss of life or serious injury, the calamity has been occasioned by the cars falling down steep embankments. Most serious railroad accidents occur from collisions, or from the cars being thrown off bridges, or abutments, or down steep embankments. As we have said, the cause last named is most prolific of such disasters. Serious collisions are comparatively infrequent in this country, and when they occur, it must almost invariably be from carelessness or want of proper and prompt attention to duty on somebody's part. They are to be remedied by requiring strict sobriety, faithfulness and accountability on the part of all railway employees, and a diligent observance of all careful precautions against such disasters. The second class of disasters might often be avoided by the same means and more careful and thorough attention to the condition of everything pertaining to our railways.

The third class of casualties—that in which railway trains are precipitated down embankments—might be guarded against in a considerable degree, by a more frequent and careful inspection of the condition of the rails on all lines of railway, but as a better rule may not, perhaps, always be detected before the passage of a train by any practicable system of inspection, there should be additional and effective protection against disaster of this kind.

On an article upon the dangers of railway traveling, only a few weeks since, we quoted from the *New York Tribune* some suggestions of means of precaution which might greatly lessen these dangers. One of these was that cars might be prevented from flying from the track on embankments and bridges, by a protecting wall of suitable height on each side of the track. The recent disaster at the West, where three cars were precipitated down a steep embankment, and the late accident on the Kennebec & Portland Road in our own State, where the locomotive and tender went down a bank thirty feet high, to the frozen river below, forcibly recall this matter to our attention and convince us of the duty of urging the necessity of measures for the better protection of passengers on railroads. A train running upon a track not much above the level of the ground on either side, if thrown off the rails, might be brought to a stand without fatal results. It is probable, but when the danger is made fourfold by the fact that a displacement from the rails will send a car rolling down a steep embankment, loss of life becomes almost inevitably attendant upon such an accident. We dwell upon the necessity of greater safeguards against disaster in this particular source, because it is the one from which the most fatal accidents arise, but there are also needed a more efficient system of applying the brakes, a safer method of heating cars, and a better construction of the cars themselves for the purpose of safety. There is need of immediate legislation to secure such safeguards for the better protection of life on our railroads, and the public ought to demand it without delay.

TO OUR "POETS."—Persons frequently send to this office more or less indeliberate rhymes, under the mistaken impression that they have been writing poetry, and sometimes the publishers of the *Gazette*, in the goodness of their hearts, have humored this false impression by sending to the request to "please publish this." This, however, is a disservice to the poet, and to the public, and we must therefore decline certain contributions that have reached us this week. "S. L." sends us some lines under the title of "Fairwell," that are deficient in grammar, orthography and sense, and which he "wishes to meet the eyes of a friend," and therefore wants them printed in the *Gazette*. "S. R." would do much better to send them to the lady through the Post Office, to which course we advise him. The writer of four pages of lines beginning with capital letters, under the heading of "Antidote," is informed that said lines are not poetry, and would make but poor prose. But our friends may console themselves with the fact that there are thousands of excellent people who cannot write poetry—and who have the good sense not to attempt it.

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About Town.

OLD CRICKETS GONE.—Capt. John Crocker, who died at his residence in this city, on Thursday evening of last week, at the age of 61 years, was one of our oldest and most successful shipmasters. He was widely known and respected, and his death will be sincerely regretted in the circle of our older citizens as well as by many of the later generation. His funeral took place on Sunday and was attended by a large number of his friends and fellow citizens. Closely following the death of Capt. Crocker came the news of the departure of another of Rockland's former prominent citizens, Elkanah E. Smith, Esq., of Billerica, Mass. who died in his town on Wednesday of last week. Mr. Smith was a resident of this city until within ten years past, and was long connected with municipal affairs, having served as selectman, assessor, alderman, etc., and he was postmaster here through Price's administration. He was a man of integrity and faithfulness in the discharge of public trusts and private duties, kind and obliging in his personal relations, and was universally esteemed among his fellow citizens.

Rev. W. O. Holman, at the First Baptist Church, in delivering a series of sermons in connection of "The Doctrine of the Final Resurrection of All Men to Holiness and Happiness." His first discourse upon the subject, which was delivered to a full congregation last Sunday afternoon was devoted to a consideration of those passages of Scripture usually cited in support of the doctrine under examination. The second discourse, next Sunday afternoon, will be devoted to an exposition of the prominent passages of the Bible which are relied upon to prove the doctrine of future endless punishment, and the third sermon, on the following Sunday, will aim to refute the moral argument from the nature and attributes of God in favor of universal salvation, as expressed in the declaration that "God is a being of infinite goodness and love and therefore cannot condemn any of his intelligent creatures to a condition of endless and hopeless suffering," etc. These discourses, upon so important and vital a question in theology, will doubtless continue to excite a deep interest and ensure a large attendance at Mr. Holman's church during his delivery.

Rev. E. G. Brooks, D. D., of New York, will spend next Sunday in this city. He is the agent of the General Convention of Universalists for the United States, and is now canvassing this State in behalf of the Missionary and Educational interests of that denomination. He is expected to speak in the Universalist Church next Sunday afternoon and evening.

VOCAL CONCERT.—It will be seen by his advertisement that Mr. Mortland will give a concert of vocal music, on Thursday evening of next week, in which a large singing class of home talent will appear, aided by an excellent soprano singer from Portland. Let there be a full house.

CITY ELECTION.—Our city election occurs in one week next Monday. The ward and city nominations will be made next week, and we advise all our readers to look out for the caucuses and be prompt to attend and secure the selection of the best men. Don't leave it to others but go yourselves.

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Sixty members from Rockland and Ansonia Lodge, attended the funeral of John M. Keller, a member of Rockland Lodge, at Rockville last Sunday afternoon. Rev. Mr. Malloch of this city, preached the funeral sermon. Mr. Keller died in Boston after a short illness, and his remains were brought here on Saturday last.

The new democracy journal is to be issued on or about March 31. It is to be called the Knox and Lincoln Patriot.

The announcement made in our last issue that Rev. Dr. W. O. had left for Rockport for Illinois was rather premature. He will not leave for some weeks to come.

The Gulf Stream is a still mystery to the expounders of physical Science, whether it is propelled by the trade winds or from the motion of the earth upon its axis, or as we think, through a subterranean passage and pressure from the Pacific Ocean, which would give it its temperature and enable it to quit its life. At all events it is a great blessing, but not great or too much to the credit of the American people.

Now that naps are in house-cleaning is in motion by thousands in all the State, again we make a lament and proclamation of the incomparable elegant qualities of the STEAM REFINED SOAP. A word to the wise is sufficient.

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Some had people would be less dangerous if they had not some goodness.

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We often pardon those who wear out, but we cannot pardon those whom we weary. The transfer of Maximilian's corpse cost \$240,000.

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The great excitement of the occasion is to be concerning the Gold-headed Cane, to be given to the physician receiving the most votes. The cane is a most beautiful one, and we are told, cost about \$500. The ball commenced moving last evening sufficiently to show that to-night there is going to be a great and exciting contest between the friends of the several physicians. We hear of many gentlemen who propose investing. The matter stands at present, as follows:

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We understand that although Dr. Wiggins has received thus far the smallest number of votes, yet we hear it hinted that to-night his friends propose to move on somebody's works. The excitement is increasing every moment and we suggest to those who wish to see some considerable fun that they fail not to be on the ground. To-night will be the night of the affair—Prof. Meservy's grand band will be on hand with its most excellent music. The Sphinx will appear again, giving an opportunity of seeing this great mystery to those who could not get in last night. Dancing will commence early, and 'tis expected there will be a great company present. More refreshments are needed. Everything was sold last evening. 'Tis hoped that all who can, will contribute something. The combat deepens. The excitement increases, go early and vote often.

Our worthy city marshal went to Fox Island a number of days ago, and owing to the ice at the island and in our bay, has been obliged to remain there. Perhaps the prohibitory law may be repealed before he gets back.

The ship Alice Thorndike of this city, has been chartered at New Orleans for Boston.

Just a little snow falls about every night to keep our sleighing in good condition.

Park street and the road leading to Thomaston has become quite a trotting course, and most every fine day finds all our fast horses in lively competition there.

Rev. Mr. Holman of the 1st Baptist church preached to the brethren of this city, and a crowded congregation, last Sabbath evening, during which, he paid a fitting tribute of respect to the memory of Albert W. Perry, late member of Dirigo Engine Co. Sunday evening, the 1st of March, he will preach to the same, of our city.

Our oldest citizens say they cannot remember a winter before affording such steady, cold weather and continued sleighing as the present. It has really been a remarkable winter in many respects, and Rockland has never before so gay.

We noticed one day of the present week twenty loads kiln wood at one time on Park Street, from the rural districts.

Trouble arising amongst "ye Pinkers." Old Mrs. Somebody, who was looking for the city marshal, a big, stout man, having snatched her, while she stood wringing her hands and weeping hard she was sympathizingly informed that the marshal was frozen in a Fox Island. She went on her way rejoicing, sighing in lamentable accents, that "ye Pinker" is a hard road to travel, in—Air, "Jordan."

Rally to-night Firemen and let the best man win of the two beautiful mirrors. We understand the Steamer is ahead at present.

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